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## Grand Canyon News Release

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### Woman Rescued After Falling Over Edge of Grand Canyon

**Grand Canyon, AZ.** – At 12:17 p.m. on Sunday, August 17, the Grand Canyon Regional Communications Center received a report that a woman had fallen over the edge of the canyon and was injured. The woman had reportedly approached the edge of the canyon to take a picture and lost her footing when she turned to return to the trail.

Rescue personnel located the woman approximately 25 – 30 feet below the rim about 300 yards west of Mather Point. (In between Yavapai and Mather Points.) An emergency responder immediately rappelled over the edge to assess the woman's injuries and to stabilize her condition.

The woman had suffered an unstable, lower left leg fracture. Rescue personnel stabilized her leg and packaged her in a litter so that she could be safely raised to the rim of the canyon via a rope system. She was then transported by NPS and Guardian ambulances to the Flagstaff Medical Center.

The canyon's many steep and sheer drop offs are a part of what makes the park's scenery so magnificent; but they are also a threat to unwary visitors who approach the edge. The National Park Service encourages all visitors to enjoy Grand Canyon's views from the safety of the paved paths and developed overlooks, and to always use extreme caution if they should choose to approach the edge.

For further information on this incident, please contact the Grand Canyon Public Affairs Office at 928-638-7958 or 928-638-7779. For more information on visiting the Grand Canyon, please visit our web site at [www.nps.gov/grca](http://www.nps.gov/grca).

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